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YAKUTAT SUBSISTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the **Yakutat Area subsistence fishery**:

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: subsistence fishing for Chinook salmon will close until further notice at **6:00 a.m., Sunday, May 10**. Chinook salmon may not be retained in the sockeye salmon subsistence fishery.

The Chinook salmon subsistence fishery is closed in the Situk Inlet in accordance with the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and Lost River King Salmon Fisheries Management Plan. The 2015 preseason forecast of a total return of 619 large Chinook salmon to the Situk River is approximately 200 fewer fish than the preseason forecast for the 2014 season. This forecast of 619 fish suggests that the Chinook salmon return will be below desired levels and conservation actions are in order to ensure adequate levels of escapement.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1Y0115.

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